

APPENDIX G: ORIGINAL PRIORITY FIVE ACCESS TO ORAL HEALTH SERVICES

5.1 Strategy: Expand and sustain community-based dental partnerships

Healthy People 2010, Objective 21-2: Reduce untreated dental decay in children and adults

Healthy People 2010, Objective 21-8: Increase sealants in 8 yr old children with first molars and in 14 yr old children with first and second molars.

Action Steps

- 5.1.1 Conduct community forums in priority areas to educate stakeholders and initiate planning for oral health improvements
- 5.1.2 Support efforts of local communities to implement their plans for improvement

5.2 Strategy: Expand and sustain school-based dental programs targeting services based on economic indicators.

Healthy People Objective 21-12: Increase preventive dental services for poor children

Action Steps

- 5.2.1 Compile list of existing programs
- 5.2.2 Distribute state public health guidelines for school-based programs
 - 5.2.3 Secure South Carolina Department of Education support for programs
 - 5.2.4 Establish and expand community-based school dental prevention programs
 - 5.2.5 Advocate for expansion of the state's Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) coverage to 200% of federal poverty level
 - 5.2.6 Establish and expand statewide partnerships providing dental sealants to targeted children

5.3 Strategy: Establish early childhood dental prevention program

Healthy People 2010, Objective 21-1: Reduce caries experience in children

Action Steps

- 5.3.1 Expand Aiken County First Steps' "First Smiles" and RWJF "More Smiling Faces" oral health programs for children
- 5.3.2 Train and certify physician office staff on oral health assessment, education, and fluoride varnish application for children ages 0-3
- 5.3.3 Partner with payers (private and public) and private physicians to implement program
- 5.3.4 Establish state guidelines for child care and Head Start oral health programs based on existing standards of Head Start
- 5.3.5 Advocate for Medicaid reimbursement to physicians for dental services

5.4 Strategy: Continue to improve state Medicaid and CHIP program including appropriate fee reimbursement rates, streamlining procedures, provider and client education, improved primary care enhancement services

Action Steps

- 5.4.1 Pilot a case management system that links the medical home with the dental provider

5.5 Strategy: Expand outreach efforts to enroll “potentially eligible” children into both Medicaid and CHIP

Healthy People 2010, Objective 21-12: Increase preventive dental services for poor children

Action Steps

- 5.5.1 Utilize patient navigator under RWJF “More Smiling Faces” to enroll eligible children in Medicaid and CHIP

5.6 Strategy: Expand the pilot community-based periodontal disease screening and treatment project to include pregnant women in an effort to reduce the risk of pre-term/low birth-weight babies

Healthy People 2010, Objective 21- 5b: Reduce periodontal disease among adults.

Action Steps

- 5.6.1 Assess evaluation of the Periodontal Screening and Treatment for Childbearing Women project at Palmetto Health Richland